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**STATEMENT OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOEL I. KLEIN
ON THE MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT**

"Today's decision is a victory for consumers and innovators."

"Microsoft has agreed to immediately make available the most up-to-date, fully functional version of Windows 95 without forcing computer manufacturers to take its browser as well. This will increase consumer choice and will also send precisely the right message to the market."

"Competitors and innovators should know that their products can compete on their own merits and not be snuffed out by Microsoft's use of monopoly power. That's what competition is all about in America, and preserving full-and-fair competition in this important industry is critical to the future of our economy."

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